

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains		
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1. Troop trains [] between 3 and 16 June 1953 included:

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3		20 boxcars, 27 flatcars and 2 gondola cars	Weimar	Altengrabow
25X1		13 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Altengrabow	Boetzow
		17 boxcars and 48 flatcars	Wolmirstedt	Halle
		9 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Wolmirstedt	Halle railroad district
		6 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Haldensleben	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
4		6 boxcars and 16 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Wittenberge
		10 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Altengrabow	undetermined
		6 boxcars and 29 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Wittenberge
5		14 boxcars and 14 flatcars	Altengrabow	Hillersleben
		10 boxcars, 45 flatcars and 1 gondola car	Magdeburg	Berlin railroad district

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<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
6	13 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Magdeburg	Kathenow	
	15 boxcars and 49 flatcars	Altenrabow	Schwerin	
7	60 cars	Altengrabow	Schwerin	
	11 boxcars and 49 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Schwerin	
9	2 boxcars and 6 flatcars	Magdeburg-Rothensee	Zeulenroda	
11	8 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow	
13	12 boxcars and 11 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Altengrabow	
	8 boxcars and 43 flatcars	Wilsnack	Brueckfeld	
	7 boxcars and 41 flatcars	Wilsnack	Brueckfeld	
14	7 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Wilsnack	Brueckfeld	
16	5 boxcars and 20 flatcars	Wittenberge	Erfurt	

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2. [redacted] on 2 July, a troop train of 19 boxcars and 39 flatcars [redacted] was dispatched from Dallgow-Doberitz to Forst Zinna.⁴
3. The following KVP trains were identified [redacted] 13 and 26 June:

<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Composition of KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
13	1 converted boxcar and 2 SSY-type flatcars with VP personnel and tanks	Magdeburg	Loewenberg	
14	10 converted boxcars and 4 flatcars with VP personnel	Storkow	Treuenbrietzen	
22	13 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 4 flatcars with VP personnel	Greifswald	Storkow	
24	6 converted boxcars and 2 flatcars with VP personnel and tanks	Oranienburg	Neubrandenburg	
26	5 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 1 flatcar with VP personnel	Storkow	Prora	

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Date in June	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
26	2 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 1 flatcar with VP personnel	Storkow	Eggesin
	7 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 1 flatcar with VP personnel	Storkow	Prenzlau

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4. Troop trains passing through the Muellrose railroad station included:
a train of 1 boxcar and 30 flatcars with vehicles [redacted] from Frankfurt/Oder toward Cottbus on 16 June;⁸ and a train of 8 boxcars and 23 flatcars with soldiers and trucks [redacted] which [redacted] came from Fuerstenwalde and went to Magdeburg on 2 July.⁹

1. [redacted] Comment. Units arriving at Altengrabow and leaving Altengrabow were identified in conjunction with the [redacted] following troop trains:
[redacted] The unloading at Weimar of light AAA units of the 13th AAA Div coming from Altengrabow on 3 June 1953 probably was coincident with the arrival of other contingents of this division at Altengrabow on the same day.
[redacted] The train carried troops of the 31st AAA Div and was previously observed [redacted]
[redacted] The unit has not been identified [redacted]
[redacted] On 5 June 1953, the train was observed unloading at the Haldensleben railroad station. Troops observed included light AA guns and motor vehicles, which probably belonged to the 3rd Gds AAA Div.
[redacted] The trains are reported for the first time and possibly carried artillery units or light AAA units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and/or 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.
[redacted] The trains, probably loaded with components of the 34th Arty Div (US), were previously identified [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. Troop trains to and from Letzling Heath troop training grounds via the Wolmirstedt and Haldensleben railroad stations possibly carried the following units:
[redacted] Possibly tank units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div; the troop train [redacted] probably was redispached to the Losse troop training grounds.
[redacted] The unit has not been identified. Motor vehicles of the 14th Gds Mecz Div were not previously observed in the Letzling Heath training area.

3. [redacted] Comment. On 14 June 1953, four troop trains from Wilsnack and Wittenberge to Magdeburg-Brueckfeld were reported [redacted] They also included the trains from Wilsnack [redacted] of the present report. [redacted] The present report also contains four troop trains [redacted] [redacted] dispatched from Magdeburg and Magdeburg-Brueckfeld to Wittenberge, the Berlin railroad district and Rathenow. As the troop train [redacted] went from Wittenberge to Erfurt, and previous reports stated that units also arrived from the area of the First Gds Mecz Army, Second Gds Mecz Army and Fourth Gds

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Mecz Army, at the Wittstock area in early June 1953, it is assumed that, between 5 and 13 June 1953, a command-post exercise was conducted there which extended to the Elbe River between Wittenberge and west of Rathenow. Details are not yet available.

- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The troop train probably carried a unit which moved to the Jueterbog troop training grounds for combat firing practice.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The train from Oranienburg to Neubrandenburg on 24 June 1953 probably carried tanks in need of repair and escort personnel to the newly constructed KVP tank repair shop near Neubrandenburg. []
- 25X1 [] A KVP unit in Loewenberg is unknown.
- 25X1 The train on 13 June 1953 possibly was also dispatched to Neubrandenburg while Loewenberg only was transit station.
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. In May 1953, trains probably carrying engineer soldiers and engineer equipment were observed between Treuenbrietzen and Storkow, where KVP engineer battalions are stationed. []
- 25X1 7. [] Comment. On 30 May and 7 June 1953, KVP trains with engineer units went from the Greifswald railroad district to Storkow. [] The KVP trains from Storkow to Prora, Prenzlau and Eggesin on 26 June 1953 indicate that engineer units of the three KVP divisions of Armeegruppe Nord returned to their home stations, probably from engineer field exercises conducted in the Storkow-Kuechensee area. It is noticeable that, during the riots in East Germany, KVP units were transferred according to training schedule. There are apparently KVP units which were not involved in action against the riots.
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. Vehicle [] belongs to the rear services of the GOFG. []
- 25X1 [] The train probably carried only vehicles and escort personnel.
- 25X1 9. [] Comment. [] the train carried a unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. The movement cannot yet be interpreted.

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